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159. Proposed by FRANCIS W. HANAWALT, Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Iowa Wesleyan University, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa.

A man desires to lay out a half mile race course by using two circles of 150 feet radius and their internal tangents. How far apart shall the circles be placed?

*** Solutions of these problems should be sent to B. F. Finkel not later than March 10.

CALCULUS.

119. Proposed by JOHN M. COLAW, A. M., Monterey, Va.

Rectify the Folium of Descartes, the equation of which is $x^3 + y^3 + 3axy = 0$.

120. Proposed by G. B. M. ZERR, A. M., Ph. D., Professor of Chemistry and Physics, The Temple College, Philadelphia, Pa.

The axis of a paraboloid of revolution coincides with the generating line of a cylinder; the diameter of the cylinder and the latus-rectum of the parabola are each equal to the common altitude, a . Find the surface and volume of each part into which the paraboloid is divided by the cylinder.

121. Proposed by W. W. LANDIS, A. M., Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa.

Solve the differential equation $\left[\frac{d}{dx} + b \right]^n y = \cos ax$.

122. Proposed by B. F. FINKEL, A. M., M. Sc., Professor of Mathematics and Physics, Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

Solve the differential equation $(y-x)\sqrt{1+x^2} \frac{dy}{dx} = n(1+y^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$.

123. Prize Problem. Proposed by B. F. FINKEL, A. M., M. Sc., Professor of Mathematics and Physics in Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

Find in finite terms, the value of $\int_0^{\frac{1}{2}\pi} \tan \phi d\phi$.

A year's subscription to the MONTHLY will be given to the person sending to the Proposer the first solution of this problem.

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MECHANICS.

107. Proposed by B. F. FINKEL, A. M., M. Sc., Professor of Mathematics and Physics in Drury College, Springfield, Mo.

A rough uniform rod, length $2a$, is placed with a length $c(>a)$ projecting over the edge of the table. Prove that the rod will begin to slide over the edge when it has turned through an angle $\tan^{-1} \left[\frac{\mu a^2}{a^2 + 9(c-a)^2} \right]$.

[From Loudon's *Rigid Dynamics*.]

108. Proposed by F. P. MATZ, M. Sc., Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Prove that the *inclination* of a perfectly rough inclined plane must be $\theta = \sin^{-1}[e^2/(2-e^2)]$, in order that an ellipse of minimum eccentricity e may be capable of resting in equilibrium on the plane.

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AVERAGE AND PROBABILITY.

99. Proposed by E. B. SEITZ.

A point is taken at random in the surface of a given circle, and from it a line equal in length to the radius is drawn, so as to lie wholly in the surface of the circle. Find the chance that the line intersects in a given diameter. [No. 135, *The Analyst*.]

100. Proposed by L. C. WALKER, Associate Professor of Mathematics, Leland Stanford Jr. University, Palo Alto, Cal.

Required the average distance between two points in opposite sides of a regular $2n$ -gon.

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MISCELLANEOUS.

100. Proposed by F. P. MATZ, M. Sc., Ph. D., Professor of Mathematics and Astronomy, Irving College, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

Determine the maximum value of $(\varphi - \varphi')$, if given electric currents C and C' produce deflections φ and φ' in a tangent galvanometer, so that $\tan \varphi / \tan \varphi' = C/C'$.

101. Proposed by G. B. M. ZERR, A. M., Ph. D., Professor of Chemistry and Physics. The Temple College, Philadelphia, Pa.

A wire is laid along the surface of a right cone semi-vertical angle β so that it cuts the generators everywhere at a constant angle θ . Find the radius of curvature and radius of torsion.

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EDITORIAL NOTE.

The MONTHLY begins the twentieth century with eighth volume. Seven volumes are already completed, and we trust that by the coöperation of its friends it may complete many more volumes.

It is desirable to publish more papers in the future, but only such as are of real value and merit. It is not desirable to publish articles which are mere